(*e*) if so, whether Government would start the construction work of the Hospital immediately ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Health).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes. The Chief Engineer (C and B) has been requested to countersign the Plans and Estimates.

(*e*) This will be considered after the plans and estimtes are received

Calling Attention to Matters of Urgent Public Importance

(*i*) *re* : Increase in fees by the Private Colleges in the State

Sri B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—I call the attention of the Minister for Education to the increase in fees by Private Colleges in the State.

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA (Minister for Education).—Sir, As per the Notification No. P2 OHD. 66, dated 30th May 1966 of the Bangalore University and letter No. B2 67-68 dated 3rd February 1972 of the University of Mysore, the private aided colleges affiliated to these two Universities are eligible to charge tuition fee at rates not exceeding twice the standard rates of fee charged in Government Colleges. The Karnatak University had *vide* its Circular No. 332/111/ ACA/65/66/6462, dated 10th March 1966 fixed the scales of tuition fee in the aided colleges affiliated to that University as follows till end of the year 1971-72 :

Pre-University Course and Degree Classes in Arts and Science Rs. 144 per annum.

Pre-University course and Degree classes in Commerce Rs. 166 per annum.

2 Commencing from the academic year 1972–73, the Karnatak University has also permitted the affiliated aided colleges to charge tuition fee at rates not exceeding double the standard rate of fees fixed by Government *vide* Circular No. 332/111/ACA/72–73/3301, dated 4th February 1972 of the Karnatak University.

3. As the three universities are empowered to fix the rates of fees leviable in the affiliated colleges, the question of Government according any consent in this behalf does not arise. However, as can be seen from the above, an upper ceiling has been prescribed for all private colleges throughout the State (which is twice the fee leviable in the Government Colleges).

(SRI A. R. BADARINARAYANA)

4. As regards the fact that the students, whose parents are under low income, being hit hard by this fees structure, it may be mentioned that there are large number of fee concessions and scholarships at all levels to cater to the needs of such students.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know why there is a discrimination in respect of Government Colleges and Private Colleges with regard to fees ?

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA.—The expenses of the Government colleges are met out of Government funds. The Private Colleges have got to meet the deficit and they have to make other arrangements for equipment, building, etc. Since the Private Colleges require funds for the smooth running of the institution, they have been permitted a ceiling up to which they can go.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್.— ಪ್ರೈವೇಟ್ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳಿಗೆ ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ಖರ್ಚು ಬರುತ್ತಾ ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಅವುಗಳಿಗೆ ಬೇಕಾದಷ್ಟು ಗ್ರಾಂಟನ್ನು ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂದು ನಾನು ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಇಷ್ಟು ಗ್ರಾಂಟನ್ನು ಕೊಡುವಾಗ ಅವರು ಒಂದಕ್ಕೆ ಎರಡರಷ್ಟು ಫಾರ್ಜು ಮಾಡುವ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಏತಕ್ಕೆ ಬರುತ್ತದೆ ? ಇದನ್ನು ಕಡಿಮೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಆರ್. ಬದರಿನಾರಾಯಣ್.—ಒಂದಕ್ಕೆ ಎರಡರಷ್ಟು ಮಾಡಲೇ ಬೇಕು. That is the ceiling.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್.—ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಯೂನಿವರ್ಸಿಟಿಯವರು ಒಂದಕ್ಕೆ ಎರಡರಷ್ಟು ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದಿರಿ. ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತಾವು ಗಮನ ಹರಿಸಿ. ಇದು ನ್ಯಾಯವಾದುದಲ್ಲ. ಇದು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಧಕ್ಕೆ ಬರುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ರೀತಿ ಫಾರ್ಜನ್ನು ಒಂದಕ್ಕೆ ಎರಡರಷ್ಟು ಏರಿಸಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಅವರಿಗೆ ನೀವು ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾ ಇರುವ ಗ್ರಾಂಟನ್ನು ಏತಕ್ಕೆ ತಡೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ?

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA.—The discretion has been given to the Universities, and if the hon. member feels that the rates are very high, we may instruct them to reduce it, if possible.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್.—ತಾವು ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಪುನರ್‌ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಎಂದು ಕೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ತಾವು ಹೇಳಬೇಕು ಇದು ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು ಎಂದು. ಆ ರೀತಿ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA.—That suggestion will be noted.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—Government is giving grant to the private colleges. If they raise the tuition fee, is it not an harrasment to the parents ?

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA.—Naturally there will be some trouble for the parents, I admit.

(*ii*) *re* : **Shortage of teachers at Belgaum and Khanapur Taluks.**

Sri N. B. SIRDESAI (Khanapur).—I call the attention of the Minister for Education to the shortage of teachers at Belgaum and Khanapur Taluks.